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TRAGIC STORY OF THE ANCIENT SPRING.

The Duchess of Marlborough Drinks from the Spring Erected by Henry I to the Woman Who Shared His Dual Life.

(London Letter.)

Americans are notably pleased because the emperor of Germany singled out the duchess of Marlborough (Consuelo Vanderbilt) for special honors during his recent visit to England. He declined to visit Lord Rosebery and the duke of Devonshire, but found time to see the rich young American duchess and enjoy himself in her society at Blenheim palace. Which indicates that the former New York girl holds an influential position in English social and political affairs.

The emperor must have found much to interest him on his visit. The Marlboroughs live in a palace more magnificent than any of the queen's, and Blenheim palace is surrounded by an atmosphere of romance, history and tradition. On this spot centuries ago stood a royal palace, and the very water that the American duchess drinks comes from a spring which, 500



FAIR ROSAMOND'S WELL.

years ago, supplied the bath of the beautiful Lady Rosamond, the favorite of King Henry II. The story of Fair Rosamond and Fair Rosamond's Well is one that the folk around Blenheim palace are never tired of repeating, and it is a pretty, though pathetic tale.

King Henry II. lived in Woodstock palace with Queen Eleanor, his wife, who, though queen of England, was never queen of his heart. Henry loved Rosamond, the daughter of Earl Clifford, and to have her near him, he had built for her in the forest surrounding the palace a tiny house, over which the vines and shrubbery were trained to grow, till, in time, they hid it, and the king named the retreat Fair Rosamond's Bower. Near the bower, and reached by stone steps, which also were hidden from view by overgrown shrubbery, there was a spring of crystal water which flowed into a pool, used by Lady Rosamond for her morning bath.

From one of the rooms in his palace the king had dug out an underground passage, through which he could go part of the way to the retreat of Rosamond. From the underground passage he emerged into the forest, and through the maze from the passage to the bower, Rosamond had twined a silken thread in and out among the trees so that her guilty lover might thus be guided to her abode. So years passed till one day Queen Eleanor discovered the underground passage, and determined to go exploring through the forest for a rival she had sometimes suspected, though never found. At the end of the passage she stumbled upon the silken thread, and, following it, made her way to the depraved Rosamond's bower, taking with her a cup of poisoned wine and a dagger. Rosamond, running forth to meet her king, faced an angry queen instead.

"Choose which way to die!" cried Queen Eleanor, holding out the poisoned cup and the dagger, and Rosamond, fairest of all the daughters of England, and beloved of the king, drank the poisoned wine. Then the queen departed, and King Henry, following again the silken thread, came upon fair Rosamond, dead among the flowers, a wreath of roses on her head—the wreath with which he had crowned her, and the king's heart was broken.

The underground passage has disappeared, and the bower of fair Rosamond is centuries gone, but the well is still there. Consuelo, duchess of Marlborough, heard this story when she went there, and has since had all her water brought from the well.

One Empire's Decision.

A good football story is told of the late Mr. Arthur Budd, the famous Rugby International. He was seated one evening at a football dinner next to the Rev. Frank Marshall, the well-known Yorkshire referee, when the latter, after a discussion on the intricacies of modern football, remarked that he believed there was no single point in connection with Rugby football upon which he was not qualified now to give a decision. "All right," replied Budd. "I'll give you a poser. Suppose, in a football match an accident happened to the football and the bladder got outside of the case. One of the players got hold of the bladder, ran behind and scored a try, while the rest were hacking away at the case; what would you call that?" Mr. Marshall was taken back, and asked for time to think it out, adding: "But what would you call it, Budd?" "Oh! I'd call it a blessed miracle."

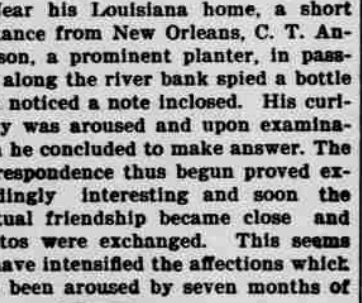
GENIALITY OF EMERSON.

His Courteous Treatment of Justin McCarthy When He Was a Nobody.

"It was at a comparatively late period of my visit to America that I made the acquaintance of Boston," says Justin McCarthy in the Youth's Companion. "With my family I settled at the Parker House. The first visitor we had there was Emerson. The first thing that impressed me about him was the total absence of anything like the manner of what I may call the professional philosopher. He talked away easily and pleasantly about places and books and men. He had read English literature quite 'up-to-date,' as the distressing English phrase now puts it. I told Emerson that I had letters of introduction to some distinguished men in Boston. He at once, with a bright smile, told me that the best way of meeting them was to be his guest at the next dinner of the Saturday club. I wonder if the Saturday club still exists? At the time of my first visit to Boston it was a flourishing institution. The members dined together at the Parker House every Saturday during a certain season of the year and, I think, each member was privileged to bring one guest, on certain Saturdays at all events. On the day when I was Emerson's guest Longfellow was there and Holmes, James T. Fields, Whipple and many more, whose names were familiar to me, and whom it was a delight to see and to hear and to talk with. Lowell, for some reason, was not there. I think the only visitor from London besides myself was Fichter, the once famous actor, who had come out with the intention of settling in the states. I had many questions to ask of Emerson that night. I was greatly interested in hearing him talk about Walt Whitman, whom he had himself but lately introduced to the public of America and even of England. 'A strong man,' he said, after many other words of appreciation and of eulogy, 'but method is needed even for strength.' Then he reminded me of the wonderful method of symmetry and muscle of the Farnese Hercules. A day or two later he took me round most of the public institutions of Boston, and in the Athenaeum, I think it was, we came upon a cast of that same Hercules. Then he recalled to me what he had been saying concerning strength and method. I saw Emerson several times after that during my first and second visits to the states. He was singularly kind and I may be allowed to say that at that time I had no claim whatever on him but that established by some common friendships and many common sympathies. I was totally unknown in literature and politics at the time, and believe I had not, at the time, written a book which bore my name."

A BRIDE IN A BOTTLE.

Pope county, one of the southernmost counties of Illinois, furnishes one of the most romantic marriages in the annals of "Egypt." Less than a year ago Miss Nettie Clark, a winsome girl of 16, in company with a school companion about the same age, prepared each a note asking that the finder answer it upon receipt. The missive was placed in a bottle and securely sealed and thrown into the Ohio river. Weeks passed and apparently the bottled missives had been lost. Near his Louisiana home, a short distance from New Orleans, C. T. Anderson, a prominent planter, in passing along the river bank spied a bottle and noticed a note inclosed. His curiosity was aroused and upon examination he concluded to make answer. The correspondence thus begun proved exceedingly interesting and soon the mutual friendship became close and photos were exchanged. This seems to have intensified the affections which had been aroused by seven months of



MRS. NETTIE ANDERSON.

correspondence. The parents of Miss Clark objected strongly to the turn matters had taken. They felt that a marriage under such conditions, without even a personal acquaintance, was far from possessing elements of happiness for their daughter, and therefore a visit from Mr. Anderson was demanded. In October the promised visit was made, and the objections of the parents removed, and on November 8 the couple were married. They left at once for their Louisiana home, where they are settled on the plantation, the property of Mr. Anderson.

His Specialty.

From Puck: Sister Jackson—"Stand ob spermin' religion so often. Mose, yo' mought spend some ob yo' time gettin' odd jobs ter help support de fambly. Mose—What yo' spec, Tilda? We all on us has different talents. Yo' has yo's and I has mine.

The devil first got the world by getting the first mother.

Black Bass in France.

A shipment of American black bass was made to France, and they have flourished so marvelously that today they are common articles of diet in the hotels and restaurants. When the bass were introduced the French streams were practically deserted.—Denver Times.

Vast Yield of an Artesian Well.

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Some people spend a lot of their time in explaining things they know absolutely nothing about.

Probably the majority of men would be lazy were it not for the fact that they must either work or die of starvation.

Galantry.

From Collier's Weekly: A pretty story is told of Miss Ellen Terry. To assist a certain charity in the provinces, she offered a kiss to be put up at auction. The bidding was brisk, and had advanced in three leaps from two guineas to thirty, when, without further parley, the round sum of 100 pounds was offered. There being no higher bid, the kiss was knocked down by the auctioneer to a colonel in one of England's crack regiments, who came forward to meet the blushing actress. But to the surprise of all present, the colonel introduced a dear little fair-haired boy, explained that it was his grandson's fifth birthday, and that he had acquired the kiss as a birthday gift for him, whereupon Miss Terry took the child in her arms and discharged her debt without interest.

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